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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & 1.98**

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Sir:

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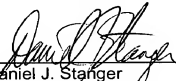
§ 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language version or translation of the foreign patent office report citing the documents. In addition, the Applicants are attaching an English language abstract of DE 43 12 093.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,690,893	11-1997	OZAWA et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	ABSTRACT	
						YES	NO
	DE 43 12 093 A1	10-1993	Germany			X	
	DE 298 23 595 U1	9-1999	Germany				
	WO 99/22236	05-1999	WIPO				

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